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Virginia Immigrants—An Englishman's Views.

We select the following extracts from the published correspondence of an English gentleman of great practical sagacity, who has been travelling extensively in our State. His estimates of the value of our soils and the proper mode of recuperating worn lands are very sound, and are borne out by the experience of many Englishmen and Northerners who have come here. Adequate capital and the skill to use it will find profitable investment in our worn lands, especially on tide water and railroads, and near such cities as Richmond and Washington. The lands described in these extracts are near the capital of the nation, and are for sale at from \$10 to \$20 per acre. They are, considering location, the cheapest lands in the world.—*Richmond State Journal.*

"I went over an estate of six hundred and thirty-five acres, the property of an English gentleman, and situated within a distance of thirty miles from Washington. The soil is red shale, sufficiently light without extreme porosity, very smooth, and free from stones and pebbles. About one-third of the estate to a woodland. On the banks of a small river or run, which bounds a portion of the estate, there is a tolerable quantity of the land in very tolerable condition; but with the exception of this and the wood land, the soil was very much exhausted. I have, however, strong faith in its recuperating powers. It takes to clover and English grass very naturally, and it is all smooth, beautiful land. There is a large orchard of very young trees just beginning to bear. Were this estate mine I should cut down a portion of the timber, and use the strong virgin soil for, say Indian corn and wheat. With the proceeds of the wood I would buy cattle and sheep, and such fertilizers as are necessary. I would use all possible haste to get almost every inch of the old soil in clover and grass; turning in one or two crops of the former as I had opportunity for the purpose of supplying the almost utterly wanting vegetable matter. I think I should have a splendid grazing farm in a few years, and Washington being a capital market for milk, I would lay myself out in that direction, and sell very little else off the estate. Of course I would save every possible ounce of barn-yard manure, using plenty of litter and composting with lime, which is needed in this soil, and with much to increase the amount of vegetable matter, and also to retain more perfectly the ammonia.

I would top-dress my meadows with thoroughly pulverized material of this description. I think with this as a general plan, and the details to correspond, I should get my meadows to yield two tons to the acre. Once get them to produce this average with little help beyond the barn-yard, and it would yield excellent interest on a capital value of \$60 per acre.

At Leesburg one enters the limestone region which forms the entire eastern slope of the Blue Ridge. This is naturally very fertile, and is a fine grazing country. Plowed lands, if left to the weeds or four years, become natural meadows of blue grass, which is excellent raw material for butter, cheese, beef, mutton and wool.

This land is not so easily cultivated as that above described; but little of it is in an exhausted condition and the prices rather higher. A gentleman from the North has purchased half the Lexter estate at Leesburg, consisting of about 1,500 acres, at \$11 per acre, and he has offered as high as \$13 per acre for the balance, and failed to obtain it. This land would produce forty to fifty bushels of Indian corn, or twenty to twenty-five bushels of wheat to the acre, the former worth 2s. 6d. to 3s. per bushel, the latter about 6s. Take after these two of clover and four of English grass, make all usual deductions, and at the average prices now prevailing, the arable land on the estate would return a rental of at least \$2 per acre, which is rather a good interest on the money.

The price of labor in Virginia is very low compared with the Northern States. While this is an additional inducement to farmers, it should deter people from coming here to sell their labor who the Virginians are too poor to buy at a good price. Farmers should invariably take plenty of time to choose suitable locations; for though hotel and travelling expenses will be much increased in that way, the difference will probably be saved by a careful and discriminating choice, and in some cases great disappointment will thus be avoided. Above all there should be no enthusiasm in the would-be settlers. They must not think that they have found the Garden of Eden, and that they must secure it to day lest another should be ahead of them tomorrow. Almost the whole land wants buyers, and there is plenty to choose from. They should go most carefully over an estate that impresses them very favorably and take notes of all essential particulars; take notes and actual count of the trees on a fair sample of the wood land; learn from reliable authority what they can get for lumber and wood and what it will cost to get it out and deliver. Learn also the cost of transportation to and from the more distant markets, make themselves as thoroughly as possible, masters of the capability of the farm in all respects; learn the actual value and all such particulars as neighbors are disposed to give and then, and not till then, the purchaser may in his hotel, quietly by himself, make a calculation before he decides. B. A. C.

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